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Yuji Akatsuka

1955 Born in Kagoshima Prefecture, Japan
1979 Graduated from the Department of Oil Painting, Faculty of Fine Arts, Tokyo University of the Arts
1981 Completed the Master's Program at Tokyo University of the Arts Graduate School
1999–2026 Professor, Department of Oil Painting, Faculty of Art and Design, Musashino Art University

Solo Exhibitions
1983–2026 Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo (annually)
2025 "Another Mountain — Yuji Akatsuka," Musashino Art University Museum, Tokyo
"another mountain 1.2.+," Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo
2024 "Unknown Vacant Lot," Tir na nOg Gallery, Tokyo
2018 "Saezurumonotachi:Yuji Akatsuka Exhibition," Mizuho Oshiro Gallery, Kagoshima /
2017 Gallery Tir na nOg, Tokyo
2014 Mizuho Oshiro Gallery, Kagoshima/ Kamakura Gallery, Kanagawa
2013 RED AND BLUE GALLERY, Tokyo
2012 Mizuho Oshiro Gallery, Kagoshima
2010 Galleria Finarte, Aichi
2006 Kamakura Gallery, Kanagawa
2005 Galleria Finarte, Aichi
2002 Galleria Finarte, Aichi / Galerie Ando, Tokyo / Kamakura Gallery, Kanagawa
2001 Gallery Ikeda Bijutsu, Tokyo / Murayama Gallery, Tokyo / Mizuho Oshiro Gallery, Kagoshima
2000 Murayama Gallery, Tokyo
1999 Komagane Kogen Museum of Art, Nagano / Kamakura Gallery, Kanagawa / Galleria Finarte, Aichi / MurayamaGallery, Tokyo
1998 Gallery Ikeda Bijutsu, Tokyo / Galerie Ando, Tokyo / Murayama Gallery, Tokyo / HANASAKAN, Kagoshima
1997 Murayama Gallery, Tokyo
1996 Gallery Ikeda Bijutsu, Tokyo / Galerie Ando, Tokyo / Murayama Gallery, Tokyo / Kamakura Gallery, Tokyo
1995 Gallery Ikeda Bijutsu, Tokyo / Murayama Gallery, Tokyo / MoMA Contemporary, Fukuoka
1994 Galleria Finarte, Aichi / MoMA Contemporary, Fukuoka / Ota Fine Arts, Tokyo / Galerie Ando, Tokyo

1993 Gallery Yonezu, Tokyo / FORMA, Tokyo
1992 Gallery MANIN, Tokyo / Fine Art Hiiragi, Kagoshima / Galleria Finarte, Aichi / Galerie Ando, Tokyo
1991 Kaneko Art G1, Tokyo / MoMA Contemporary, Fukuoka / Galerie Ando, Tokyo
1990 “The Nineties Vol.11,” Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo / Fine Art Hiiragi, Kagoshima
1989 Fine Art Hiiragi, Kagoshima/ Gallery Shiroyama, Kagoshima
1986 Poster House, Sapporo + Tokyo
1981 Galerie 412, Tokyo

Group Exhibitions
2026 “085 Terada Collection Highlights Part II,” Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery, Tokyo
2025 “Collection Exhibition 082: Art on Paper from the Terada Collection,”
Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery, Tokyo
“Collection Display: Contemporary Art I,” The Museum of Modern Art,
Gunma, Gunma
“085 Terada Collection Highlights Part I,” Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery, Tokyo
“MESSAGE 2025,” Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo
2024 “Reflections: Fifty Years Later,” Tokyo Art Museum, Tokyo
“Dreaming Chimera,” HAGIWARA PROJECTS, Tokyo
“MESSAGE 2024,” Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo
2023 “Japan-China-Korea Contemporary Art Exhibition,” Guizhou Art Museum, Guizhou
“Koji Sagawa & Yuji Akatsuka Exhibition,” Galleria Finarte, Aichi
“ANDO SESSION 13,” Galerie Ando, Tokyo
“MESSAGE 2023,” Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo
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2022 “The Adventure of Fine Art Prints,” Tamashin Museum, Tokyo
“Hiroki Taniguchi and Friends Exhibition,” Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo
“Gallery Collection Exhibition (Part I, II),” Galleria Finarte, Aichi
“THE EIGHTIES: Art of the 1980s 5” (with Tadashi Kawamata), Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo
“Collection Exhibition curated by Ryan Gander: The Markers of Our Time”
Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery, Tokyo
“PER AMIKA SILENTIA LUNAE,” Tir na nOg Gallery, Tokyo
“MESSAGE 2022,” Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo
2021 “Shoonji ART PROJECT 20th YONIN TEN,” Shoonji Temple, Tokyo
“Yuji Akatsuka & Makoto Ito Exhibition,” Galleria Finarte, Aichi
“Garden of Figuration III,” Ushio Gallery, Tokyo

"Collection Exhibition curated by Ryan Gander: All our stories are Incomplete…, Colours of the imagination" Tokyo
Opera City Art Gallery, Tokyo
"Watercolor Thoughts" Tokyo Art Museum, Tokyo
"Voiceover" Shiga Museum of Art, Shiga
"Kotaro Terada: Records of Life" Tama Art University Museum, Tokyo
"Four-Person Exhibition," 634 Project Room, Tokyo
"MESSAGE 2021," Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo

2020 "Garden of Figuration II," Ushio Gallery, Tokyo
"Creative Dialogues with Museum 03 Where the Value of Art Emerges?" Tottori Prefectural Museum,
"MESSAGE 2020," Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo

2019 "Garden of Figuration," Ushio Gallery, Tokyo
"Adventures on the Surface — Mythologia of Abstraction," Gallery Kounotori, Tokyo
"MOMAT Collection," The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo
"Self-Portraits: Painters Within the Canvas," Miyakonojo City Museum of Art, Miyazaki
"MESSAGE 2019," Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo

2018 "Takahashi Collection | Faces and Abstraction," Kiyoharu Shirakaba Museum, Yamanashi
"Lithograph — Around the Stone," Musashino Art University Museum, Tokyo
"Views — Edition Works Print Exhibition," Kobo Ikuko, Okayama
"From the Site of the Print Studio — Tsuyoshi Hirai / The Work of Edition Works Printers," gFAL, Tokyo
"Art of the 1980s I," Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo
"P/CAS Paris Contemporary Art Show," Le Carreau du Temple, Paris
"MESSAGE 2018,"Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo
2017 "MERZ," HAGIWARA PROJECTS, Tokyo
"Core of Printmaking core 1," Bumpodo Gallery, Tokyo
"Black & White — Various Colors," Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery, Tokyo
"Primal Landscapes in Art II," Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo
"MESSAGE 2017," Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo
2016 "Edition Works PICTURESQUE," GALLERY SPEAK FOR, Tokyo
"Icho no Kai — Garden of Art 2016," Mizoe Gallery, Tokyo
"MESSAGE 2016," Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo

2015 "Icho no Kai — Third Garden of Art," Mizoe Gallery, Tokyo
"Otherworld," Gallery Tir na nOg, Tokyo

“MESSAGE 2015,” Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo

2014 “48th Anniversary Print Exhibition — 21×21 Print Show,” Miyuki Gallery, Tokyo

“Printmaking Lineage,” Bumpodo Gallery, Tokyo

“Edition Works — Complex Media,” The Artcomplex Center of Tokyo, Tokyo

“Struggle and/or lyricism − The final chapter: an exhibition in homage to Seiji Tsutsumi/Takashi Tsujii”

Sezon Museum of Modern Art t, Nagano

“Summer Holiday Program: Questions About Art / A Walk Through Space,” Miyakonojo City Museum of Art, Miyazaki

“From the Terada Collection 049 Delights of Abstraction” Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery, Tokyo

“Icho no Kai — Second Garden of Art,” Mizoe Gallery, Tokyo

“MESSAGE 2014,” Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo

2013 “ANDO SESSION 4 — The Power of Color,” Galerie Ando, Tokyo

“Icho no Kai — Garden of Art,” Mizoe Gallery, Tokyo

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“MESSAGE 2013,” Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo

2012 “The Unseen Relationship: Form and Abstraction” DIC Kawamura Memorial Museum of Art, Chiba

“Collection 040: Questions to Understand Ourselves” Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery, Tokyo

“Awa Washi and Print Expression Exhibition 2012,” Bumpodo Gallery, Tokyo

“Edition Works: Perspectives from Print Studios,” GALLERY SPEAK FOR, Tokyo

“ANDO SESSION 1 — Drawing,” Galerie Ando, Tokyo

“Relation: The Untold Legacy” Musashino Art University Museum & Library, Tokyo

“ANDO SESSION 2 — Objects,” Galerie Ando, Tokyo

“Face Exhibition,” Galerie 412, Tokyo

“MESSAGE 2012,” Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo

2011 “T Collection” Asago Art Village Museum, Hyogo

“Great East Japan Earthquake Reconstruction Charity Art Exhibition,” Tokyo Art Club, Tokyo

“ART TODAY 2011” Sezon Museum of Modern Art, Nagano

“9th Art Program Ome 2011,” Ome Municipal Museum of Art, Tokyo

“Fire Reappearing Repeatedly” (with Naoko Nishimoto), Kamakura Gallery, Kanagawa

“MESSAGE 2011,” Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo

2010 “+PLUS Tokyo Contemporary Art Fair,” Kobayashi Gallery Booth, TOBI Art Forum,

Tokyo
"MESSAGE 2010," Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo

2009 "S Collection + Museum Collection Exhibition," Miyakonojo City Museum of Art, Miyazaki
"The Power of Painting — The Magic of Paint," Musashino Art University Museum & Library + gFAL/FAL, Tokyo
"Musashino Art University 80th Anniversary Exhibition: Drawing — The Power of the Thinking Hand,"
Musashino Art University Building No.2 gFAL/FAL, Tokyo
"MESSAGE 2009," Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo

2008 "Harvest — Gen Hara and the Works of 161 Artists," Ginza Towa Gallery / Tokyo Zokei University ZOKEI Gallery, Tokyo
"Viewpoint for the New Generation 2008: Small Works Exhibition," Gallery Natsuka b.p, Tokyo
"Asia Top Gallery Hotel Art Fair," Kobayashi Gallery Booth, Hotel New Otani, Tokyo
"Tama Vivant II 2008: Seeds of Images," Tama Art University, Tokyo
"Thirty Years of Contemporary Art," Kamakura Gallery, Kanagawa
"MESSAGE 2008," Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo

2007 "Contemporary Artists of Southern Kyushu / Message-2007,"
Miyakonojo City Museum of Art, Miyazaki
"Contemporary Painting — Active Painters from Kagoshima," Kagoshima City Museum of Art, Kagoshima
"Japan Contemporary Art Festival," Heyri Art Valley, Paju
"Testimonies of Self-Portraits," The University Art Museum, Tokyo University of the Arts, Tokyo
"MESSAGE 2007," Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo

2006 "The World of Abstraction — Color, Form, Space: From the Tokyo Opera City Collection," Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery,
"MESSAGE 2006," Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo
"The Kotaro Terada Collection- Together with Art" Fuchu Art Museum, Tokyo

2005 "GEISAI #8," Mizuho Oshiro Gallery Booth, Tokyo Big Sight, Tokyo
"Seoul International Print Photo Art Fair 'Special Exhibition of Japanese Contemporary Prints'," Seoul Arts Center,
Hangaram Art Museum, Seoul
"MESSAGE 2005," Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo

2004 "Collection exhibition: 50 Years of Contemporary Art" Museum of Contemporary Art Tokyo, Tokyo

"WHY NOT LIVE FOR ART?" Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery, Tokyo
"KIAF 2004 Korea International Art Fair Special Exhibition [Special Exhibition of Japanese Contemporary Art],"
COEX, Seoul
"2004 Asian Contemporary Art Exchange Exhibition," Tainan Municipal Cultural Center, Tainan, Taiwan
"Sublime Present: Expressions of Prints" Musashino Art University Museum & Library, Tokyo
"MESSAGE 2004," Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo

2003 "The Power of Painting — Japanese Painting Since the 1980s,"
Museum of Contemporary Art Tokyo, Tokyo
"Modern Japanese Art," The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo
"NICAF '03," Kamakura Gallery Booth, Tokyo International Forum, Tokyo
"Painting," Kamakura Gallery, Kanagawa
"MESSAGE 2003," Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo

2002 "KIAF 2002 / Korea International Art Fair," BEXCO, Busan
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"MESSAGE 2002," Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo

2001–02 "In Search of FORM — 11 Japanese Artists," Busan Museum of Art, Busan

2001 "NICAF 2001 Tokyo," Kamakura Gallery Booth, Yurakucho International Forum, Tokyo
"Boundless Blue," O Gallery eyes, Osaka
"Chiba Art Now '01: The Realm of Painting," Sakura City Museum of Art, Chiba
"MESSAGE 2001," Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo

2000 "Traces of Territory," O Gallery eyes, Osaka
"MESSAGE 2000," Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo

1999 "7th Toyama International Contemporary Art Exhibition [Poland/Japan]," Toyama Museum of Modern Art, Toyama
"NICAF '99 Tokyo," Kobayashi Gallery Booth, Yurakucho International Forum, Tokyo
"Opening Commemorative Exhibition [Masterpieces from the Terada Collection Part 1]," Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery, Tokyo
"Survey of Japanese Painting," Tokyo Station Gallery, Tokyo
"MESSAGE '99," Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo

1998 "Art 29 '98," Kamakura Gallery Booth, Messe Basel, Basel, Switzerland
"Print of Prints," Bumpodo Gallery, Tokyo
"MESSAGE '98," Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo

1997 "NICAF TOKYO '97," Kobayashi Gallery Booth, Tokyo Big Sight, Tokyo

"Art 28 '97," Kamakura Gallery Booth, Messe Basel, Basel, Switzerland
"ART TODAY 1997 OPERA APERTA" Sezon Museum of Modern Art, Nagano
"Atelier C-126 30th Anniversary Print Portfolio Exhibition," Miyuki Gallery, Tokyo
"B Seminar 30th Anniversary Benefit," Hillside Plaza, Tokyo
"MESSAGE '97," Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo

1996 "Nagoya Contemporary Art Fair," Nagoya Civic Gallery, Aichi
"Collection Exhibition Part 1," Yokohama Museum of Art, Kanagawa
"Portrait" Ota Fine Arts, Tokyo
"MESSAGE '96," Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo

1995 "Modern Japanese Art," The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo
"Allegory of Seeing: Contemporary Painting and Sculpture," Sezon Museum of Art, Tokyo
"Kyobashi Area '95 — Contemporary Prints," Gallery Ikeda Bijutsu, Tokyo
"MESSAGE '95," Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo

1994–95 "Light and Shadow — Poetics of Transition," Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art, Hiroshima

1994 "Vision of Contemporary Art — VOCA Exhibition '94: New Planar Artists," The Ueno Royal Museum, Tokyo
"Yokohama Artists '94 — Adventurous Expressions," Yokohama Civic Art Gallery, Kanagawa
"Two-Person Show Vol.2" (with Hiroki Kurokawa), Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo
"Postwar Japanese Painting — Sezon Museum of Modern Art Collection," Sezon Museum of Modern Art, Nagano
"20th Anniversary of Yokohama–Shanghai Sister City Partnership: Yokohama Contemporary Art
Exhibition — Wind from Yokohama," Shanghai Art Museum, Shanghai

1993 "NICAF '93," Kobayashi Gallery Booth, Pacifico Yokohama Exhibition Hall, Kanagawa

1992–93 "Perspectives on Contemporary Art — Between Figuration," The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo / National Museum of Art, Osaka

1992 "Perspective on Painting Part 2," Gallery Furukawa, Tokyo
"Contemporary Drawing Exhibition," Kitakyushu Municipal Museum of Art, Kitakyushu
"Art Today '92 — The Paradox of Trans-Art / Polyphony of Transparent Light," Sezon Museum of Modern Art,Nagano
"Tama Vivant '92 Glamorous — Letters to the Wall / Letters from the Wall," Shibuya Seibu Seed Hall, Tokyo
"Independent Drawings," MoMA Contemporary, Fukuoka

1991 "Tokyo Art Expo 1991 — Japan Art Scene '90," Tokyo International Trade Fair

Grounds, Tokyo
"Color's Face Black — Expressions of Black," Lapin Art Gallery TAKI, Osaka
"Tokyo University of the Arts / Sungshin Women's University Print Exchange Exhibition," Dong-A Museum of Art, Seoul
"The Nineties Documentary Exhibition Part 2," Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo
"Take Art Collection 1991," Spiral, Tokyo
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1990 "The Eighties Publication Commemorative Exhibition," Kobayashi Gallery, Tokyo
"Prints Vision '90," Ikebukuro Seibu Studio 5, Tokyo
"Present to the Future — Considering Hunger Through Art," Heineken Village, Tokyo
"Contemporary Prints in Sapporo 1990," INAX Space, Sapporo

1989 "New Age New Art Exhibition," Shinjuku Isetan Art Gallery, Tokyo
"Japanese Contemporary Art in the 80's — Prologue to the 90's Part 2," Heineken Village, Tokyo
"Contemporary Art Exhibition in Support of the Chinese People and Families of Victims," Hillside Gallery, Tokyo

1988 "Today's Graphism," Ibaraki Prefectural Cultural Center, Ibaraki
"Open the Gate," Tokyo University of the Arts Museum and Archives, Tokyo
"Art in Bookshop," Art Vivant Quatre, Yurakucho Seibu, Tokyo
"Atelier C-126," Miyuki Gallery, Tokyo

1987 "Atelier C-126," Miyuki Gallery, Tokyo

1980 "Lithograph '80," Tamaya Gallery, Tokyo

Public Collections

The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo
Sezon Museum of Modern Art, Nagano
Yokohama Museum of Art, Kanagawa
Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery, Tokyo
Iwaki City Art Museum, Fukushima
Fuchu Art Museum, Tokyo
Miyakonojo City Museum of Art, Miyazaki
The Museum of Modern Art, Shiga, Shiga
Aichi Prefectural Museum of Art, Aichi
Museum of Contemporary Art Tokyo, Tokyo
Ryutaro Takahashi Collection, Tokyo
Niigata City Art Museum, Niigata
Nagoya City Art Museum, Aichi

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